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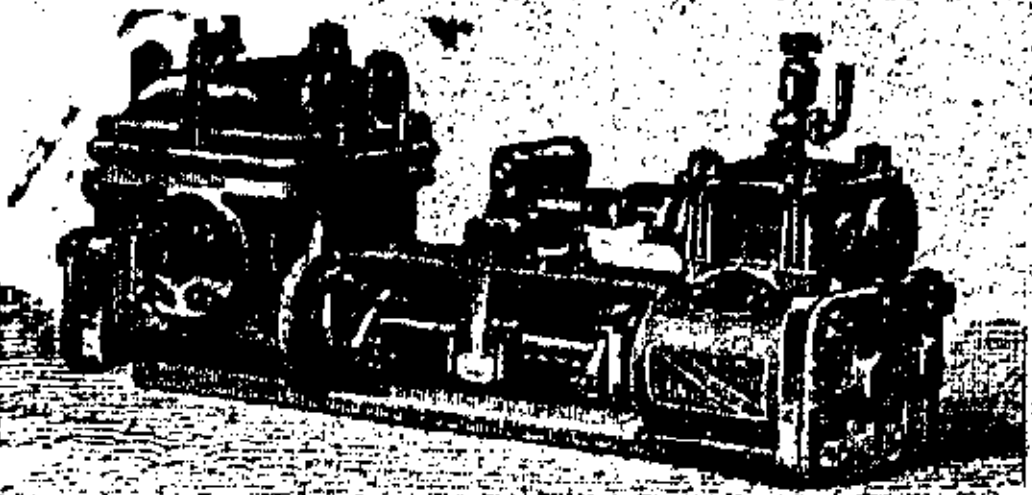
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NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of
the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 27th July 1899, at 3 o'clock in the After-
noon, when the following resolution will be
proposed:—Should the resolution be
passed by the required majority it will be
submitted for confirmation as a special
resolution to a Second Extraordinary
Meeting, which will be subsequently con-
vened.

"That the Memorandum and Articles
of Association submitted to this Meet-
ing be and the same are hereby
approved and that pursuant to the
provisions of the Companies (Memorandum
and Articles of Association) Ordinance,
1880, the form of the Company's
Constitution be altered by substituting
the Memorandum of Association
with extended objects as therein set
forth and such Articles of Association
for the Company's Deed of Settlement
dated the 29th of August, 1883,
and for all regulations of the Com-
pany subsequently made and now in
force; and that the Directors be
authorized to apply to the Court to
confirm this resolution under the
said Ordinance."

A copy of the Memorandum and Articles
referred to in the above resolution lies at
the Office of the Company at Queen's Build-
ing aforesaid, and can be inspected on
application any time during Office hours.

Dated the 16th June, 1899.
By Order of the Board,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Queen's Building,
Victoria, Hongkong. 1492

THE TERRAU PLANTING COMPANY,
LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL
of \$1.00 per Share has been made
in respect of the Shares not fully paid up,
and that such CALL is PAYABLE on the 25th
July next, to the Undersecretary at the Re-
gistered Office of the Company, 38 and 40,
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, June 19, 1899. 1430

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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 1386

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The Plague.

During the twenty-four hours ended noon, to-day, there were 13 cases of plague and 14 deaths from that disease reported to the Sanitary Board.

Futlers 'At Home.'

At the Gymkhana on Saturday next, at the Happy Valley, Colonel Malabarwal and the Officers of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will be 'At Home' to their friends. The Band of the Regiment will play selections during the afternoon. There seems a probability of the Gymkhana being favoured with fine weather.

Japanese Coal Market.

A Kōka contemporary says that the Japanese coal market still continues in a bad position, and the accumulation of stock at Kyushu and the coal fields show no signs of diminishing. Prices are so low that shipments from Kyushu do not cover the expenses. Retail prices in Hongkong never come down, however, whatever the state of the market may be.

Plague in Amoy.

On June 1, Mr. R. W. Hurst, British Consul at Amoy, reported that he had made inquiries of the medical officers at the port whether any authentic cases of the pest had come to their knowledge. Dr. MacDougall stated that one case of plague had occurred on the Island of Kulung, the patient, a Portuguese boy, having died of the malady. It was probable that the disease was smouldering in the Chinese city, but he had not seen any cases, nor had it assumed any epidemic form. He continued therefore to sign clean bills of health. Special precautions were being adopted by Dr. O'Neill who examined the coolie emigrants. On June 8, Mr. Hurst reported that some cases of bubonic plague having come to the notice of Dr. MacDougall he intended for the present only to grant modified certificates for bills of health. Two unobscured cases of plague had come under the cognizance of European medical men, and another case was said to have occurred which was not seen by them.

Japanese Export Duties.

Some of the voluminous papers under consideration of the abolition of export duties has been already decided upon by the Government, it being only a question of time before it is carried into operation. It is now stated that the Government is resolved to abolish the duties at the same time as the new Tariff comes into force.

A Record Passage.

The City line steamer *City of Spain*, which already holds the record for the fastest outward passage from Liverpool to Cebu, has beaten her own record by completing the voyage in twenty-six days three hours, four minutes and twenty seconds.

Captain Pittie at Labuan.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 15th inst. says:—The new manager of the Borneo Co. at Labuan, Capt. Pittie, left for Labuan this morning, where he goes to take up his appointment and return Mr. J. Pittie, who will shortly return to Singapore. For nearly three weeks there has been no steamer to Labuan, in consequence of changes and outside runs, but this week there are three.

Japanese Naval Estimates.

It is stated that the estimates of the Navy for next fiscal year were presented to the Finance Department on the 5th inst. They show a decrease of some Yen 5,000,000 from the estimates for the present year. It is stated that among items of extraordinary expenditure, the construction of the Ominato naval station and the extension of the naval shipbuilding yards, which have already been approved by the Diet, have been postponed. This will save some Yen 1,300,000. The extension of the yards, however, necessitates an increase by some Yen 3,600,000 in the ordinary expenditure, but the result on the whole is a decrease in the total expenditure of the above-mentioned amount.

Distinguished Chinaman.

Hong Ming, M.A., Shin Fung, M.A., Sing Song, M.A., Chen Ling, M.B., Wong Tung, M.B. So read the passenger list of a Chinese steamer which reached Port Phillip lately. 'Dear me,' exclaimed an old lady in the first cabin, as she scanned the names of her fellow travellers. 'I didn't know that the Chinese went in for degrees like that. I suppose they are professors or something like that from Hongkong University.' 'They are not,' said the passenger with a smile. 'They are the pupils of the kind. They are Chinese passengers under the tonnage system. You see M.A. means male adult, and M.B. male boy. That's all.'

The Tea Steamers.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 15th inst. reports:—The Chinese Mail Steamer *Ouyang*, Capt. Davies, the first of the tea steamers from Hankow for London (and probably the only one) came in last evening about five o'clock and left a couple of hours later. The *Ouyang* has 6,000 chests of tea. She got ashore the first in the Yangtze after leaving Hankow on the 15th May, in charge of the pilot, the first time while trying to avoid the *Tai-wei*. She passed Chinkiang on June 5. The *Ouyang*, from Po Chow to London, is due to arrive here about the 21st. She has some local cargo to take in.

HOW TO CURE A SPRAIN.

LAST fall I sprained my left hip while landing some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and bought a bottle of *Robinson's Pain Expeller*. I used it and in a few days I was able to go to my friends. F. A. Dwyer, Esq., New York.

Blow to Blame.

A gunpowder magazine belonging to the barracks of the 11th Army at Fuhai exploded on the morning of the 14th inst. More than 300 houses in the vicinity were destroyed, and 30 persons killed.

A New Dock in Japan.

A new dockyard, built by the Ishikawajima Shipbuilding Co. of Tokyo, was formally opened on the 11th inst. at Utsunomiya, in the bay of Tokyo, and a short distance from Yokohama. The dimensions of the new dock are: length, 451 ft. 1 in.; width, 14 ft. 6 in.; depth, 32 ft.

Rescue by the 'Rosetta'.

It is reported from a Japanese source that while the P. & O. steamer *Rosetta* was passing near Tsunashima (Isle), off Kii Province, on the morning of the 4th inst., a Japanese boat was sighted. An American boat was at once ordered by Captain C. C. Talbot and crew of the *Rosetta*, and the fishermen, five in number, were brought on board. The fishermen were from the island of Tsunashima, and were said to be from the 1st to 5th of Kii Province. While fishing on the 3rd inst. the boat was caught in a heavy gale and capsized. The fishermen clung to the wreck until rescued, and in reporting the occurrence to the Japanese authorities stated that they were provided with clothing by the captain of the *Rosetta*.

Narrow Escape of a Bank Manager.

Writing on the 10th inst. from Iloilo, a correspondent of the *Manila Times* says:—Last night, about 11.30, the steamer *Laurel* of the company *Petrol* was bringing ashore Mr. Balfour, the manager of the local branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The night was very dark and cloudy, and the entrance of the river is still obstructed by three cascos and a launch sunk in mid-channel by the rebel pirates. The launch at once began to fill, and the crew of eight, with their cargo, were in imminent danger of drowning. Fortunately they were at once seen by the police station by Mr. V. K. Koppel, a German resident, who at once ordered a launch with two natives and hurried to the rescue. The launch was hanging to the buoys, and just went down as the nine men got into the boat. There was a stiff current running, and the launch sunk with a heavy plunge, nearly dragging the little boat with her. The crew and passengers were very fortunate to escape, and the launch was not a slight matter, and Mr. Koppel deserves very warm thanks for his promptness and brave, skilful and dangerous situation.

An Exciting Bicycle Race.

Quite a respectable assemblage of spectators watched the bicycle race between S. Hashim and E. Chelouh, which came off on the cricket ground track at Yokohama early on Sunday morning, says the *Japan Herald*. The distance was ten laps, and the stakes ¥ 25 a side. Betting was lively, and generally giving Chelouh a much bigger and younger man than his opponent, seemed the favourite. He justified his reputation by winning the race. Early on Sunday morning he disposed of a pound of steak and half-a-dozen eggs, washed down by copious draughts of beer. His friends pointed out that the race was a long one, and would involve the expenditure of much time, but he said he was not at all concerned about the stakes, the eggs, and the beer. The fact was that these badly assorted edibles made heavy demands upon Chelouh, and eventually proved too much for him, and ensured his defeat. He has again challenged Hashim, but it is doubtful whether the latter will accept.

Reported Murder of a Filipino General.

The *Manila Times* of the 14th inst. says:—Many conflicting rumours regarding the death or assassination of General Luna are afloat. The actual facts are these: Luna being Lieut. General of Aguinaldo's forces and as such subject to Aguinaldo's orders has long harboured a feeling of ambitious jealousy towards his superior in command, superior as well in intelligence, tactics and personal ascendancy and influence over the hearts and minds of the rebel troops. Luna gradually grew more and more independent, and Aguinaldo, who has had experience in the way to get rid of dangerous rivals, quietly waited for an opportunity, meantime secretly undermining Luna's influence. Finally Luna went, with his friend General Roman, to Aguinaldo's palace, to 'have it out' and settle with Aguinaldo there and then. The guard at the door said 'Not at home,' and refused admission. Luna and Roman insisted, and after some pushing and pulling, the sentry at last gave way and admitted them. The soldier, loyal to his chief, again refused to admit the outlaws, upon which General Luna made a thrust at him with his sword, seconded by Gen. Roman, the sentinel parried the sword and pierced Luna's heart with the bayonet. Another story says he shot Luna, then turning on Roman he saved him likewise. Enormous excitement, but subdued, prevailed amongst Filipinos of all classes, and excitement amongst Aguinaldo's adherents, because the death of Luna, as Aguinaldo's greatest rival, solves the difficult problem of chieftainship over the rebel forces.

MANAGER OF RESTAURANT.

Robinson's Pain Expeller. I say how much longer are you going to stay here? You seem to be a regular fixture! Customer: Well, you know I had a dinner at a fixed price!

DIARRHOEA AT SANTIAGO.

CHARLES H. Marks, while acting in the capacity of nurse at the Second Division Hospital of the Fifth Army Corps at Santiago de Cuba, had a few bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for sale by all Dealers. Write for sample by all Dealers. Write for sample by all Dealers.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE

MR FOREMAN'S BOOK ON THE PHILIPPINES.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE INTERDICTION.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, June 22, 1.30 p.m.

The libel action threatened by Mr. Spencer Pratt, formerly U.S. Consul at Singapore, against the publishers of the new edition of Mr. John Foreman's book on 'The Philippine Islands,' has been abandoned.

Messrs Kelly and Walsh have agreed to reprint the page on which the report of the interview between Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader, and Mr. Spencer Pratt is set forth.

[This is a very satisfactory arrangement. We are convinced that neither the publishers nor Mr. Foreman had the slightest intention of publishing any statement likely to injure Mr. Spencer Pratt, and it is evident that Mr. Foreman, who had to rely on his information at second hand, was misled as to the details of the agreement. If agreement there was—between the parties to the interview.—Ed., C.M.]

REUTHER'S TELEGRAM.

LONDON, 20th June, 1899.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL.

The Daily Telegraph states that Lord Lansdowne held a long conference with the heads of the War Office on Monday. It is understood that the conference concerned the position of affairs in the Transvaal.

A large crowd of women and children has taken place from Johannesburg and Pretoria, and the natives are quitting the mines.

FRANCE.

President Loubet has summoned M. Bourgeois to the Palais National (at which he is now the French delegate) to form a cabinet.

Admiral De Cuverville, chief of the Naval Staff, has been superseded for publishing a letter criticising the National defence.

PIRACY AT MIRS-BAY.

JUNKS CAPTURED AND CREWS HELD TO RANSOM.

Information has been received from Mirs Bay of piracy within British waters. A band of about thirty men boarded two junks in Mirs Bay, seized the junks and sailed into Chinese waters, and the pirates are now holding the crews to ransom.

This outrage emphasizes the urgency for the presence of a British gunboat patrolling these waters.

THE KOWLOON EXTENSION.

CHUEN CITY.

HONGKONG, June 22.

We were able to state positively two nights ago that the British Government had decided to retrocede the city of Sham Chau to the Chinese authorities, accepting a monetary indemnity for the expenses incurred in putting down the disturbances in the New Territory.

We are now informed that the amount of the indemnity is fixed at \$93,000.

Kowloon City will be retained by Hongkong.

This retrocession is condemned in the most unqualified terms by the civil community, and we doubt not, by the naval, military and local authorities—but as yet we have heard of no action by the Chinese Association, Chamber of Commerce or Navy League. Surely a strongly worded protest should be addressed to the Imperial Government. Already the Chinese are talking about a great Chinese victory, and it would seem that after all these years of experience of the Chinese the British Government is the most inexperienced in its dealings with them. The retrocession of Sham Chau means a legacy of trouble in the future administration of the New Territory.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 22nd at 12.5 p.m. The barometer is still falling slowly on the China coast. Pressure remains lowest over Y. China with slight gradients for S. winds on the coast. Forecast:—moderate S.W. winds; fair.

CHUEN CITY.—Yas, several years ago I fell deeply in love with a girl, but she rejected me—made a regular fool of me. Molly:—And you never got over it?

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